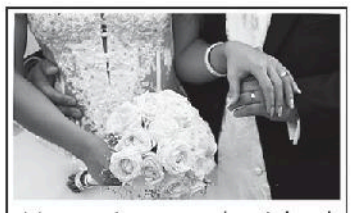
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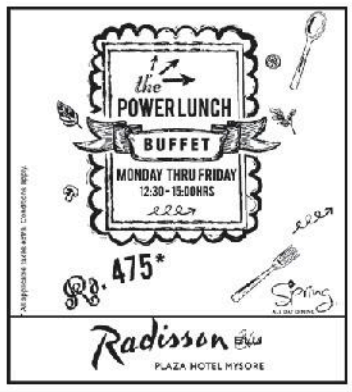


Thousands join rally against Farm Laws

Bengaluru Cops prevent 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' by Congress

Bengaluru, Jan.20 (KMS&DM)- Urging the Union Government to repeal the three newly-introduced farm laws, the Opposition Congress Party, supported by farmers, staged a massive rally in Bengaluru today as part of its 'Raj Bhavan Chalo.'

The party workers and farmers, who arrived this morning at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station and at other places in thousands from different parts of the State, took different roads and flyovers to reach Freedom Park in the heart of Bengaluru, where a demonstration was organised by the KPCC in protest against the Centre's farm laws and rising prices of essential commodities, before taking out a march to Raj Bhavan. Over 2,000 party workers from Mysuru too were part of the massive rally.

However, the protesters were prevented by the Police from entering the city centre, which annoyed them.

Taking strong objection to Police action, an angry KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar asked the protesters to block roads, wherever they were stopped by the Police from attending the rally.

(See RALLY on page 6)

The protesters seen marching on the flyover near Anandarao Circle to reach Freedom Park in Bengaluru this morning.

Vaccine drive: 3,000 health staff to be inoculated today

CFTRI, AIISH, Air Force Selection Board staff to receive shot soon

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (SSV)- The COVID-19 vaccination drive began at 70 session sites across Mysuru District this morning to inoculate 3,000 beneficiaries.

The District Health Department officials are trying to build confidence among healthcare staff about safety and efficacy of vaccines in the wake of underwhelming response to the drive which was launched on a high note by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Jan. 16.

No vaccination drive was held in the district yesterday on account of immunisation of non-COVID-19 vaccines at the select Primary Health Centres and Anganwadis in the district.

"We are aiming at inoculating 3,000 registered healthcare workers today. But we don't know how many will turn up. But, details of time and session site has been sent to healthcare staff," Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination, told *SOM.*

(See VACCINE on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 20th January 2021

IEEE Bangalore Section
Awards to city Professor

Mysuru, Jan. 20- **Dr. B.D. Parameshachari**, Professor and Head, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, received following awards from IEEE Bangalore Section during the AGM held on Jan. 10: IEEE Bangalore Section Outstanding Volunteer Award 2020, Citation "in Recognition of the Outstanding Contribution to the Bangalore Section in the year 2020". This award is one of the highest awards in the IEEE Bangalore Section. This award was received from B.S. Bindhumadhava, 2021 Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section; IEEE Bangalore Section Best Branch Counsellor Award (November-December 2020) and IEEE Bangalore Section Fastest Member-Get-Member Award (November-December 2020, these awards were received from Puneet Kumar Mishra, 2020 Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section.

Free Cardiac Health Check-Up Camp

Mysuru, Jan. 20 - Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru, has organised a free cardiac health check-up (heart diseases, angiogram and angioplasty) camp at its premises from Jan. 25 to Jan. 30 from 10 am to 2 pm. District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the camp on Jan. 25 at 10.30 am. MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside. MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar will be the chief guest. Suyog Hospital Chairman Dr. S.P. Yoganna and Cardiologist Dr. K. Adithya Udupa will be present. Interested persons can register their names before Jan. 25. Free angiogram and angioplasty will be performed for all needy ones. Pre-registration is mandatory.

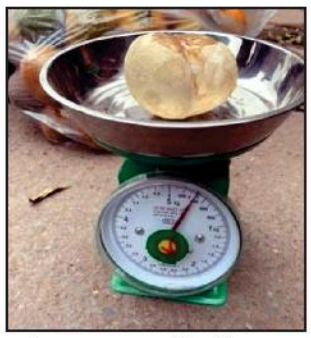
For details, contact Ph: 0821-2566966.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

While ASHA workers and district administrators can certainly help in registering people for the vaccine they alone would not be sufficient for a quick and full registration which is a must for efficient planning and delivery of the vaccine. India has around 3 lakh postmen, 1.55 lakh post offices and 8 lakh bank mitras or business correspondents located in all corners of the country and a postman visiting every village in the country to deliver postal and financial services. Most of these people already have smartphones and are at least moderately technologically savvy. The process of registration includes filling in name, address, mobile number and some very basic health information followed by uploading a photo ID of the individual. This process is quite similar to opening a bank account, a process which the above mentioned agents have been doing for a while and hence can easily help people register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Many of the people who need help in the registration will already be interacting with a postman, bank mitra or a business correspondent for accessing financial services and by delivering this crucial and urgent service these agents can build their customers' trust in them and perhaps even attract new and previously unbanked customers. The Government can provide a small monetary incentive for each registration the postmen, bank mitras and business correspondents perform to cover their expenses. *— S. Anas Ahmed, J. Venkatramu and Bhagwan Chowdhry in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

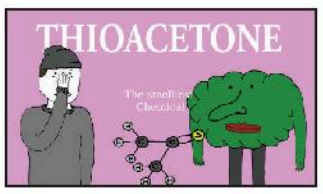
400 gm bladder stone surgically removed



Thay Nguyen: A bladder stone weighing 400 grams has been surgically removed from a woman and the photos of the stone has been doing rounds in the social media.

Several Vietnamese media outlets have been reporting on the case of a 34-year-old woman who showed up at the emergency room of Phu Binh General Hospital, in Thay Nguyen, complaining of severe pain in her abdomen. After running some tests, a CT scan revealed that the woman had a massive, round mass in her abdomen. She was scheduled for emergency surgery and a stone over 10-cm-long and weighing 400 grams was extracted from her bladder.

Thioacetone, world's stinkiest chemical



Freiberg: If you have experienced foul smells before, it's nothing compared to the stench of thioacetone, the world's smelliest chemical compound, says scientists.

Stench of trash exposed for days in summer, smell of sewage, or the smell of public toilets uncleaned for multiple days, is not classified as dangerous to human life. However the foul aroma of the rare chemical known as thioacetone, is. This simple molecule is somewhat tricky to produce, as at temperatures above -20°C it will clump together to form a solid called trithioacetone, but on rare occasions that humanity did create it, thioacetone managed to make its presence felt, quite literally.

The stench of thioacetone dates back to1889, when workers at a factory in German city of Freiberg attempted to produce a potent chemical and accidentally created panic among residents. Their success led to "an offensive smell spreading rapidly over a great area of the town, causing fainting, vomiting and a panic evacuation."

HEALTH CAPSULE

MYTH - 'Eat for Two' When You Are Pregnant

FACT - Continue to eat as you normally would in your first trimester, then increase 350 calories daily in your second trimester and 450 calories in your third trimester as your baby grows.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant, Obstetrics & Gynecology

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To avoid getting cancer, avoid sugar and carbs. Cancer feeds off of sugar. It is estimated that 80% of cancers are fuelled by sugar and carbs. Also, have your vitamin D tested, and make sure it's over 50 NG/ML.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 18	JAN. 19
Day's Positive Cases	35	34
Total Positive Cases	53,039	53,073
Day's Discharges	33	36
Total Discharges	51,773	51,809
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,022	1,022
Total Active Cases	244	242

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 16	JAN. 18
Target Beneficiaries	860	4,601
Target Achievement	454	2,701
Percentage Achieved	52.8	59
AEFI* Reported	3	1

NOTE: Daily COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign-2021 Report as per COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Vaccination and Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), Mysuru. **** Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).*** *There was no vaccination drive in Mysuru on Jan.17 and Jan.19.* ***Total Vaccinated: 3,155***

REALLY...?

- ***Actor Will Smith can solve a Rubik's Cube in one minute.***
- ***First country to issue postage stamps: Great Britain (1840).***
- ***The towns of Kamas and Samak are Utah neighbours.***
- ***Winnie the Pooh is named for Winnipe, Manitoba.***
- ***Kevin Costner, Harrison Ford and Gene Hackman have all appeared in Japanese commercials for Kirin beer.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Why do we write 'etc' at the end in the exam? Because it means E-End of T-Thinking C-capacity!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.10
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.85
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.84

VOICE OF THE READER

Is Mysuru really a clean city?

Sir,

We come across many news items that Mysuru is once again in the race for being adjudged as the cleanest city in India. We wonder what are the parameters to fulfil to even qualify to vie for such a tag?

When it comes to the basic parameters, the City Corporation has failed in even ensuring that sewage and drainage system is in place.

Our apartment building is in upmarket Saraswathipuram, a stone's throw from Kukkarahalli Kere main gate. It is surrounded by Mysore University staff quarters and a heritage building and the international hostel of Mysore University.

For the past 8 years, we have been constantly suffering from clogged sewage and the stench emanating from overflowing sewage water is unbearable. This happens at least 5 to 6 times a year.

Every time, we have to approach the MCC authorities to send their truck to clear the clogging. It is a health hazard not to speak of the costs involved.

There are food vendors and coffee shops in the vicinity not too far from the sewage overflow, which attracts flies. It is needless to point out the ill-effects on the health and well-being of a large number of Mysureans who eat at these stalls.

There is something very fundamentally wrong in the way the sewage pipes have been laid and this needs to be rectified and replaced through committed effort from the authorities concerned. There is no other solution possible. We are bearing the brunt of faulty sewage pipes laid.

The question now is, who will bell the cat? Will the authorities take cognisance of this lack of basic sanitation before Mysuru can vie for a competitive rating as the cleanest city?

—Aggrieved and proud residents, Sri Gangotri Apartment Flat Owners' Association

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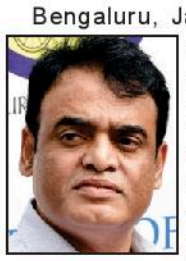
University of Mysore must secure NIRF ranking within 20: Minister

Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan fixes 15-day deadline for VCs to submit Action Report



Bengaluru, Jan. 20 (SSV)- Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister **Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan** has directed all Vice-Chancellors (VCs) of Government Universities to submit their action plan within 15 days with regard to obtaining National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accreditation and National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings.

The Minister, who is very keen on implementing National Educational Policy (NEP), had convened a meeting of VCs here yesterday. He said that in this era of competency, every University should have NIRF ranking and each College should have NAAC accreditation. The action plan should comprise details with regard to programmes planned for the next three years, preparations that will be done for attaining NIRF ranking and NAAC accreditation. "NIRF ranking and NAAC accreditation are mandatory to sign Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with global educational institutions and to get higher grants. These are very much essential to strengthen the higher education system also. Our education system should keep pace with the global trends and accordingly, education policy needs to be framed," he said.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan said that currently, Indian Institute of Sciences (IISc), Bengaluru, was in the first spot in NIRF ranking followed by University of Mysore (27), Bangalore University (68), Kuvempu University, Shivamogga (73) and VTU, Belagavi (80). By the time the next list of ranking is announced, University of Mysore must secure a rank within 20, Bengaluru should aim within 50 and VTU should also improve its rankings, he noted.

How NIRF ranking is awarded

NIRF ranking will be awarded based on the parameters of Teaching, Learning and Resources, Research & Professional Practice, Graduation outcomes, Outreach and Inclusivity and Perception.

So far, only 50 Government Colleges out of 430 have got NAAC accreditation. It is aimed to get NAAC accreditation for 230 colleges in the next three years and to facilitate achieving this, two NAAC co-ordinators have been appointed for each University limit.

Calendar of events announced for Engineering, Degree and PG courses for 2021-22

Bengaluru, Jan. 20 (SSV)- The Department of Higher Education has prepared the draft calendar of events for Engineering, Degree and Post-Graduate (PG) courses for academic year 2021-22. Accordingly, classes will commence from Oct. 4, 2021, said Higher Education Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who released the draft here yesterday. Details are as follows:

Degree courses

• 5th semester classes will end on Feb. 28 and exams will be completed before Mar.31.

• 1st and 3rd semester will end on Mar. 31 and exams will commence from Apr. 30.

• 6th semester classes will be held from Apr. 1 to July 31 and exams will end by Aug. 31.

• Result of 6th semester will be announced on Sept. 10.

• 2nd and 4th sem classes from May 2 to Aug. 31. Exams will be completed by Sept 30.

• 1st, 3rd and 5th sem classes from Oct. 4 to Jan. 31, 2022.

• Examination will be completed before Feb. 28, 2022.

• 2nd, 4th and 6th sem classes from Mar. 1, 2022 to June 30.

• Examination will be completed by July 31, 2022 and result will be out on Aug. 14, 2022.

Engineering classes

• 7th sem classes will end by Feb. 28 and exams will be over before Mar. 31.

• 1st, 3rd and 5th sem classes will end on Mar. 31 and exam will be completed by Apr. 31.

• 8th sem classes will start from Apr. 1, end on July 31,. Exam will be over by Aug. 31 and result on Sept. 10.

• 2nd, 4th and 6th sem classes from May 2 to Aug. 31. Exam will be over by Sept. 30.

• 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th sem classes from Oct. 4 to Jan. 31, 2022. Exams will be over by Feb. 28, 2022.

• 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th sem classes from Mar. 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. Exams will be over by July 31 and results will be out on Aug. 14, 2022.

Post-Graduate courses

• 3rd sem classes will end on Feb 28. Exams over by Mar. 31.

• 1st sem classes ends on Apr. 1 and exams over by Mar. 31.

• 4th sem classes from Apr. 1 to July 31. Exam will start on Aug. 31 and results on Sept. 10.

• 2nd sem classes from May 2 to Aug. 31. Result on Sept. 30.

• 1st, 2nd and 3rd sem classes (colleges) from Oct. 4, 2021 to Jan. 31, 2022. The examination of all these three semesters will be completed by Feb. 28.

• 2nd and 4th sem classes from Mar. 1, 2022 to June 22, 2022. Exams from July 31 and result on Aug. 14, 2022.

The draft calendar of events for UG programmes in Colleges and Universities has been prepared for the academic year 2021-22 by taking into account the current COVID-19 situation. As per University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, each semester must work a minimum of 90 days. The calendar has been readied by keeping six days a week.

Senior Oncologist Dr. V. Shanta dies in Chennai at 93

Chennai, Jan. 20- Senior Oncologist Dr. V. Shanta (93) passed away in the early hours of Tuesday here due to breathing complications.

A cancer crusader and Chairperson of the Cancer Institute (WIA), Adyar, Chennai, she made treatment for cancer affordable for all the patients.

Dr. Shanta had complained of difficulty in breathing and discomfort and was rushed to Apollo Hospital in Chennai. However, as the doctors were attempting to remove a block in the blood vessel, she passed away at around 3.55 am. Her body was kept at the old building of the Cancer Institute in Adyar for people to pay their respects.

In 1954, Muthulakshmi Reddy, MD, the first woman medical graduate of India along with Women's India Association (WIA) founded the first cancer centre — Cancer Institute — in the Southern States and Dr. Shanta soon joined the Institute as the Medical Officer. After three years, she moved into the Cancer Institute and had been at the Institute since April 13, 1955.

Several doctors, members of the medical fraternity as well as politicians have expressed condolences on social media. *"Dr. V. Shanta, Chairperson of the Adyar Cancer Institute is no more. Forever in service of the poor and needy, she lived in a room within the Hospital premises, with the singular mission of cancer cure. A saint, no longer among us,"* wrote Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Cataract Screening

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Annapoorna Eye Hospital's Hootagalli and Hebbal branches have organised free cataract screening camp from Jan. 20 to 27 between 11 am and 6 pm. Senior citizens will be given discounts on cataract surgery and they can avail free pre-surgery tests and also the iol lens will be provided at a reasonable price. The surgery will be done under COVID safety measures. For registration, contact Mob: 88844-88262 or 0821-2953658 or 0821-4262255.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual General Body Meeting

The 20th Annual General Body meeting of The Heritage Club, Mysuru, will be held on Jan. 24 at 11 am in the Club premises at Vijayanagar Third Stage, according to press release from Club Hon. Secretary H.R. Murthy.

Mahila Utsav contests

The Department of Kannada and Culture has organised various events as part of Mahila Utsav at Kalamandira premises on Jan. 25. Rangoli, hair-styling, desi sports and spot nutritious food preparation contests have been organised. Interested women can enrol their names at Office of Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, Kalamandira premises, before Jan. 22. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2513225, according to a press release.

Scholarship

Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, Bogadi village, Mysuru, in association with ABB India Foundation, has invited online applications from PU-passed physically challenged persons and economically backward students, who want to pursue higher education (2020-21), for availing student scholarship. Applications must be submitted on: https://www.samarthanam.org/scholarship-application. For details, call Mob: 94808-35957 or 87922-12867. The last date for applying is Jan.22, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	117.12 feet
Yesterday	:	117.37 feet
Inflow	:	917 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,216 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.93 feet
Inflow	:	422 cusecs
Outflow	:	300 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.12 feet
Inflow	:	110 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

District Minister goes on an inspection-spree

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar went on an inspection-spree in city yesterday to review civic amenities in newly-formed layouts.

Somashekar first visited the 13 MLD capacity overhead tank built in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage for supply of water to the residents of the locality. As the officials explained that the height of the pumping motor fixed at the site was posing a problem for water supply, the Minister directed them to lower the level of the pump in accordance with the requirement. He asked the officials to finish the civil works needed for the purpose in a month.

After the inspection, the Minister interacted with members of the public, during which Vijayanagar residents poured out their grievances. The residents complained about indiscreet dumping of construction debris and other wastes along the Ring road passing through the layout, overgrown bushes and trees along the road which has posed problems for motorists, potholed roads and many other civic issues concerning the locality.

UGD problem

The residents also complained about the missing link of the huge Under-Ground Drainage (UGD) near Aishwarya Hospital in Vijayanagar Third Stage, which was disrupting smooth passage of waste water in the drain and also posing a health hazard for nearby residents.

Some residents complained about lack of city buses to several parts of Vijayanagar, lack of street lights on many roads and the incomplete asphalting works on Basavanahalli main road. A few others brought to the notice of the Minister about drainage water being let into an open field near BVB in Vijayanagar First Stage.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda intervened to say that the main civic issues raised by the residents of Vijayanagar, parts of which comes under his Assembly Constituency, has been brought to the notice of Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj and several meetings too have been held in this regard.

Assuring that the problems highlighted by the residents will be addressed in the coming days, Devegowda said that the tender process for the ambitious Unduwadi drinking water project is underway. He asserted that the project, which is aimed at providing 24x7 drinking water to parts of Vijayanagar and a number of surrounding villages, will be completed in two years.

Minister S.T. Somashekar, accompanied by MLAs and MUDA Chairman, inspecting Overhead Water Tank in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage yesterday.

Minister apprised on MUDA's limitations

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev apprised the Minister on the limitations and difficulties that MUDA has for spending on civic works in newly-formed localities and the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Somashekar assured that he will hold talks with the concerned department and do his best for removing the restrictions on MUDA for spending money for infrastructure development. He promised that he will take up the issue with the Government seriously for removal of the restrictions on MUDA spending.

Noting that the matter is like a one-time settlement, he asked the officials to ensure that no problems emerge after this settlement is done, for which officials must submit a comprehensive report as early as possible.

Referring to complaints on demolition of temples for development of roads, the Minister said that the existing temples must not be demolished. Citing the example of Bengaluru, where temples are spared from demolition, he said that he has received many complaints of temple demolition in Mysuru and this should not happen in future as we should respect the religious sentiments of the people.

Residents Association submits memorandum

Vijayanagar Residents Welfare Association submitted a memorandum to the Minister seeking a C.A. site for construction of a Yoga Centre and a temple in Fourth Stage.

'Will build a house in Vijayanagar'

Impressed by the beautiful landscape of Vijayanagar, District Minister Somashekar said he has now serious thoughts on purchasing a 50'x80' site in the locality and build a house.

Interaction at R.T. Nagar

Somashekar later left for R.T. Nagar. Interacting with local residents, Somashekar regretted that the apathetic attitude of officials had forced him to visit newly-formed layouts as there were many complaints of lack of civic amenities and other essential facilities.

He directed the officials to expedite all civic works so that there are no complaints in future.

Even as the residents started to complain MUDA Chairman Rajeev about improper power connections in the locality, the Minister telephoned the Department Secretary Tushar Girinath and asked him to address the issue. Rajeev lauded the instant response of the Minister saying that Somashekar will not let any work to remain pending.

R.T. Nagar Residents Welfare Association presented a copy of the letter written to Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj, highlighting lack of civic amenities and other facilities in the locality even after three years of formation of the layout.

From here, Somashekar went to Shanthaveri Gopalgowda Nagar, where he interacted with residents of the layout, Lalithadrinagar and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel layout. After hearing the grievances on civic amenities, the Minister assured to address the grievances aired by them. He also directed the officials to be in constant touch with him for redressal of problems.

MLA L. Nagendra, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Secretary M.K. Savitha, Land Acquisition Officer Chandramma, Town Planner Member Jayasimha, Superintending Engineer Shankar and other officials were present.

Woman goes missing from city

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (KS)- A 29-year-old woman, who left her mother's house at Hebbal on Jan. 16 at about 2 pm, has since gone missing. The missing woman is Shambhavi, wife of Mahesh and a resident of Hale Kesare in city.

She is 5 ft. tall, round faced, wheatish complexioned, normal built, has a mole near the left side of her waist, speaks Kannada and was wearing a white colour flower design blue dress at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about her may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Obituary

Madamma

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Madamma (90), a resident of Beerihundi in the taluk, passed away yesterday at her residence.

She leaves behind three sons including Mysuru Zilla Panchayat member Beerihundi Basavanna, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the family's farm land at Beerihundi this morning.

New Industrial Policy will create 20 lakh jobs in 5 years: Minister Shettar

Jagadish Shettar

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (SSV)- Karnataka's New Industrial Policy has aimed at attracting Rs. 5 lakh crore investments that could create employment for 20 lakh people by 2025, said Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar here yesterday.

Releasing the New Industrial Policy 2020-25 handbook here, Shettar said that the State Government has decided to focus more on industrially backward districts, Tier-II and Tier-III cities. Impetus had been given mainly on automobile and spare parts, pharmaceutical, medical and engineering equipment, knowledge-based industries, logistics, renewable energy, aerospace, defence and electric vehicle manufacturing.

To help this, Sec. 79 A and B section in Land Reforms Act had been scrapped to attract more investment in Karnataka. Provision had been made for the business entrepreneurs to directly deal with farmers to buy 54 acres.

New opportunities

- 95 investment proposals have been registered in the State.
- Total cost is Rs. 1,54,937 crore.
- 410 new projects have been approved. It would ring in an investment of Rs. 82,015 crore.

Beyond Bengaluru

The Minister said the new policy will bring several incentives and regulatory reforms such as land access and labour market regulation. It also aims at the holistic development of the State and looks beyond Bengaluru to promote Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities as engines of economic growth, Shettar said. "We have grouped districts into three zones to incentivise investments in the industrially backward districts. The industrially backward districts are classified in Zone-1 & 2, and Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts are classified in Zone-3".

Jobs for Kannadigas

Shettar said all new industrial investment projects shall create maximum possible direct employment opportunities with a minimum employment of 70 percent to Kannadigas on an overall basis and 100 percent in case of Group C and D employees.

According to the Ministry of Industry and Internal Trade Promotion of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, as many as 95 investment proposals have been registered in the State, amounting to Rs. 1,54,937 crore.

Between August 2019 and December 2020, the State High-Level Committee and the State High-Level Single Window Clearance Committee have approved 410 new projects, he added.

Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department and Gunjan Krishna, Commissioner for Industrial Development and Director of Industries and Commerce, were among those present.

KSRTC holds Road Safety Month Programme

L. Deepak

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Regional Transport Officer (RTO) L. Deepak called upon KSRTC drivers to follow road traffic rules and drive safely.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a Road Safety Month programme organised by KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division at Depot-3 in Bannimantap here on Monday.

Pointing out that apart from following road traffic rules, the drivers should also behave in a courteous manner with passengers, Deepak said that it is also important for the drivers to maintain good health. He further said that drivers must understand that the safety of passengers lies with them.

Earlier, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda inaugurated the programme. KSRTC Rural Divisional Controller K.H. Srinivas, Divisional Traffic Officer S.S. Dasharath, Technical Officer Mahadevappa, Labour Welfare Officer K.K. Somashekar and others were present.

Protest against privatisation

BEML Employees submit memorandum to MP

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MK&KS)- Opposing the move by the Centre to privatise Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), the members of BEML Employees Association, who have been protesting against the move, submitted a memorandum to Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh in city yesterday.

The Association members met the MP, who was in city to attend a programme organised at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, and informed her that there were hundreds of employees working at this Public Sector Undertaking, which is making profits since 53 years and manufacturing defence related equipment besides stating that it was not a right move by the Centre to privatise BEML.

They urged the MP to raise a voice on their behalf at the Parliament and urge the Centre to drop the privatisation move.

Association President Munireddy, Secretary Rajashekar Murthy and others were present.

Farmers with weak mind commit suicide: Agri Minister B.C. Patil

Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil addressing press persons yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RKB&SSV)- Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil has said farmers with weak mind will commit suicide and diversion of their mind will prevent them from taking such an extreme step.

Talking to reporters here on Tuesday, he said that the need of the hour was to create self-confidence in farmers than going to houses of dead farmers to offer condolence or garland dead bodies. Confidence building was now being done by the BJP-led NDA Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to aid farmers to double their income from agriculture. In this regard, the Government of India has implemented three Farm Laws which were being opposed by a few self-claimed farmer leaders of only two or three States.

Interestingly, the Farm Laws were not opposed by farmers but by those farm leaders who have never sold their agriculture produce in APMCs. In spite of repeated assurance by Prime Minister Modi and other Union Ministers that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) would not be scrapped, still a select group of farmer organisations were holding dharna in Delhi, he said.

Patil said the UPA Government led by Congress Party in 2008 had planned to do away with the APMCs and also included it in the party election manifesto before 2014 Lok Sabha polls.

The then Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar had convened a meeting of agriculture Ministers of all States to discuss regarding scrapping the APMC system. But now, the same party was raising hue and cry when the NDA Government implemented three Farm Laws. This was nothing but the double standard of the Congress party, he added.

Interaction with farmers

The Minister said that he would visit a village in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district on Jan. 23 to interact with farmers for the whole day, as part of visiting villages to understand the problems of farmers and to solve them on the spot. The village name would be decided soon.

There would be interaction with farmers from morning till evening. Even senior officials of Agriculture Department would attend, he added.

On MLC A.H. Vishwanath missing the Cabinet berth, Patil said all 17 Legislators, who had resigned to their Assembly membership two years ago, were still good friends and there is no difference of opinion among them.

Vishwanath could not be inducted into the Cabinet on technical ground and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was aware of it. "Still we have a lot of respect for former MP, Vishwanath. But he should not have given anti-Yediyurappa statements in public," he said.

On disgruntled BJP Legislators' visit to Delhi, the Minister did not add much importance and said they had gone to air their grievances and not to create problems for the Yediyurappa Government.

Snake Shyam rescues Cobra hiding inside air cooler

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MK&KS)- A four feet-long Cobra snake, which had taken shelter inside an air cooler at the house of one Surya Prakash in K.R. Puram near Silk Factory, was rescued by city's snake rescuer and wildlife conservationist Snake Shyam on Sunday afternoon.

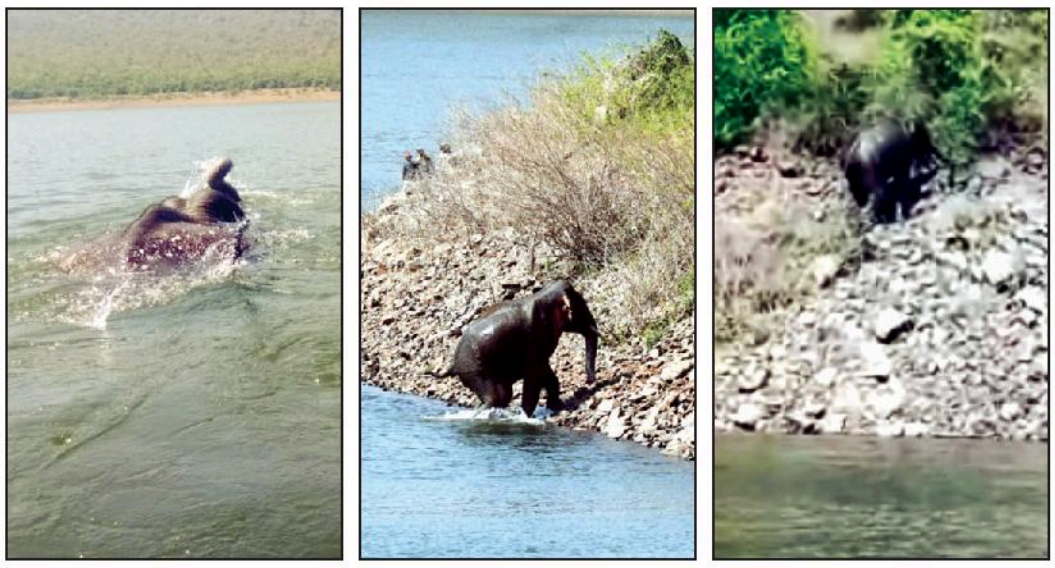
Surya Prakash's neighbours, who saw the Cobra entering his house, informed him and after the family members came out of the house, a few people entered the house and searched for the snake but in vain and later called Snake Shyam over the phone.

Shyam, who rushed to the spot in a few minutes, searched the house and on inspecting the air cooler, he found the snake hiding inside it and brought the cooler outside. Upon opening the cooler, Shyam found a 4 ft. cobra inside and rescued it.

On the same day at about 11 pm, a Cobra was found in the room of a house at Basavanahalli near here and the residents who performed puja to the snake later informed Shyam, who arrived and rescued it too.

Snake Shyam can be contacted on Mob: 99805-57797.

Made it out !



A wild elephant, which had ventured into the backwaters of Nugu Dam in Saragur taluk, was found struggling to free itself after getting entangled to the fishing nets at 6 am yesterday. Though efforts were made by the Forest and Police Department personnel to go close to it to rescue it, their attempts failed as the elephant's struggle created waves in the water making the boat unstable and the personnel had to come back to the shore. Finally, at about 2.30 pm, H.D. Kote Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who ventured close to the elephant, which had remained calm due to tiredness, dropped multiple metal hooks tied to the end of a rope and tried to tug the nets. Thankfully, the nets got cut and the elephant, which freed its legs, slowly swam towards the land, climbed the shore and walked into the forest.

Vegetable vendors to be evicted from Dasara Exhibition Grounds

Trash scattered all over the sprawling Dasara Exhibition Grounds yesterday. The temporary vegetable market at the Grounds will be shifted to M.G. Road Market soon.

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&BCT)- The M.G. Road vegetable market that was shifted to Doddakere Maidan (Dasara Exhibition parking lot) will move back to its old place (M.G. Road) as the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) has decided to take back the space from vendors.

A decision to this effect was taken at the Governing Council meeting of the KEA that was held at KEA premises yesterday. The meeting was headed by KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda. It may be recalled here that on April 25, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde had ordered to shift the congested M.G. Road market to a spacious Doddakere Maidan following complaints of vendors and buyers not following social distancing amidst COVID-19 contagion.

The order was passed after the officials realised that unhygienic practices at M.G. Road Market could prove dangerous amid the disease outbreak. The market was shifted amidst stiff opposition from the vendors' community.

As over 50 to 60 vendors were convinced by the District Administration to move to Dasara Grounds and as some of the vendors continued to stay put at M.G. Road Market, there were simultaneous markets at two places. Now that the KEA has decided to take back the premises, these vendors have to go back to the old place.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda said that the pandemic has resided and as such the KEA has decided to shift the vendors. "Every month we spend Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 30,000 to clean our premises and provide toilet and electricity facilities to the vendors. This is unproductive expense and we have to bear it," he said. The KEA Chairman said that he would write to Deputy Commissioner seeking nod to evict the vendors from Dasara Grounds back to M.G. Road.

A view of M.G. Road Market this morning.

Vaccine drive: 3,000 healthcare staff to be inoculated today

Dr. M.S. Rajesh Kumar (left), Resident Medical Officer, K.R. Hospital, Dr. Mahadevappa (centre), Taluk Health Officer, K.R. Nagar Taluk Hospital and Dr. H.K. Sowmyashree (extreme right), Medical Officer, Mobile Tribal Health Unit (MTHU), Hunsur, being vaccinated this morning.

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Central Govt. staff in first round

He said employees of Central Government institutions like Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Air Force Selection Board (AFSB) and Indian Railways have been included in the first round of beneficiaries to receive Covishield vaccine on priority along with healthcare workers. A circular in this regard has been received by the District Health Department.

Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) has already initiated vaccine drive for its staff. Employees of CFTRI, AIISH and AFSB would be vaccinated in a day or two.

The Government of India has supplied 20,500 vials which were enough to inoculate healthcare workers in State and Central Government institutions, he said.

The vaccine drive is expected to go in full steam from next week in Private Hospitals and District Hospitals once the second consignment of the vaccine arrives in the district. In fact, Belagavi and Mysuru districts were bigger when compared to other districts after BBMP limits in Bengaluru in terms of population, he said.

Absentees must cite reasons

Dr. Ravi said those healthcare workers who have remained absent for taking vaccine on Saturday and Monday were given another chance to get vaccinated after the end of first round. But, if they do not want to get it, they should cite reasons why they were rejecting it. The same would be uploaded in CoWIN App. The Government of India wants to know whether it was due to 'fear phobia' or any other reasons.

Doctors take shot

To build confidence among fellow doctors, para-medics and nurses, Dr. M.S. Rajesh Kumar, Resident Medical Officer, K.R. Hospital and Dr. Mahadevappa, Taluk Health Officer, K.R. Nagar Taluk Hospital, got vaccinated this morning. Senior District Health officials are expected to take the shot tomorrow.

CoWIN App upgraded

Dr. Ravi said after initial hiccups, the CoWIN App is being upgraded at the main server in New Delhi on the basis of feedback received from various States. The updated Application was likely to have more user-friendly features including allowing re-registration of beneficiaries.

Rally against Farm Laws

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As Congress workers and farmers blocked the roads, the State capital witnessed huge traffic jams on all roads. Mysuru road, Tumakuru road, Kanakapura road, Magadi road and other important roads connecting Bengaluru, saw stranding of vehicles upto a long distance.

Later D.K. Shivakumar, Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah and other top Congress leaders addressed the party workers and farmers at Freedom Park, where they demanded the Union Government to repeal the farm laws, which were detrimental to the interests of farmers.

Condemning the rise in prices of essential commodities, the Congress leaders wanted the Government to take immediate measures for stemming the soaring inflation, which has severely burdened the common man. They warned of launching a movement if the Government failed to repeal what they called 'anti-farmer' farm laws and other 'anti-people' bills.

Although the Congress had planned to take out a 'Raj Bhavan Chalo' later in the afternoon, the Police denied permission for taking out the march.

'Difficult to bail out only hotel industry from crisis'

Tourism Department Secretary T.K. Anil Kumar unveils plans to increase tourism revenues

Tourism Department Secretary T.K. Anil Kumar (extreme right), MP Sumalatha Ambarish, Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath, South India Hotels and Restaurants Association President K. Shyamaraj and others seen during an interaction meet organised by South India Hotels and Restaurants Association at a private hotel in city last evening.

T.K. Anil Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MK&BCT)- The COVID-19 pandemic has dealt a severe blow to the tourism and travel industry, which was once a booming sector. The industry has been battered after the stringent lockdown was imposed. Like the hospitality sector, all the other sectors and industries too have suffered. In this case, it may not be a right proposition to expect relief from the Government, opined Tourism Department Secretary T.K. Anil Kumar.

He was speaking at an interaction meeting organised by South India Hotels and Restaurants Association at a private hotel in city last evening. He was responding to a demand placed by the Association that the Governments must waive off property tax or luxury tax for one year to revive the hospitality industry. "Everybody has suffered and the Government fully understands the plight of the industry and will take all possible measures to mitigate losses. But the Government cannot guarantee relief measures to one particular sector," he said.

Anil Kumar further said that the pandemic was coming down and more and more people are being cured and also the vaccines have arrived. "In this scenario, the hotel and hospitality industry must devise means to attract more and more customers. Even the tourism sector is slowly picking up along with other trade and marketing sectors. Karnataka is gifted with numerous tourist-centric spots and plans must be made to realise the full tourism potential," he added.

"The Government earns 14.8 percent of its total revenue from the tourism sector. We have made plans to increase this to 20 percent by 2025. Of the many tourism projects that are in the pipeline, some have been implemented already and along the lines, flight services from Mysore and Karwar Airports have increased. Also, many road projects are being taken up as part of integrated infrastructure development. All these measures will see positive results," he opined.

In her inaugural address, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish said that the hospitality industry that has seen sharp decline owing to the contagion from March to December is slowly seeing a gradual improvement with increased occupancy rates and the industry will be set for a boom. In the coming days, the industry will pick up and the tourism sector will outpace many industries, she added.

DC Rohini Sindhuri too expressed optimism that the hotel industry will look up in the wake of vaccine discovery and mass vaccination drives launched by the Governments to defeat the disease. "When the pandemic was at its peak, many hotels in Mysuru were converted into quarantine centres and only now things are on a positive note. The situation will be better in the coming days," she added.

Mysore Airport Director R. Manjunath, South India Hotels and Restaurants Association President K. Shyamaraj, Secretary Mahalingaiah, Karnataka International Travels Expo President Aiyappa Somaiah, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Mysuru Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth and others were present.

Power disruption

Mysuru, Jan. 20- As L&T has taken up underground cable laying works, power supply will be disrupted on Jan. 21 and 22 between 10 am and 4 pm in the following areas:

Jan. 21: Surroundings of Fire Brigade and JSS Women's College, Muslim Hostel, surroundings of Swimming Pool, Saraswathipuram 4th and 5th Main Road, PSR Complex, Saraswathipuram, New Kantharaj Road and surrounding areas.

Jan. 22: Maruthi Temple Road, Vishwamanava Double Road, surroundings of Library and Kamakshi Hospital.

Inauguration of GSSS School of Architecture tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 20- GSSS School of Architecture for Women, the State's first School of Architecture for women, will be inaugurated at GSSS Engineering College campus on KRS Road in city tomorrow (Jan. 21) at 5 pm.

MP Pratap Simha and MLA S.A. Ramdas will be the chief guests. GSSS President Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi will preside. GSSS Hon. Secretary Vanaja B. Pandit will be present, according to a press release.

Engineering student found dead

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (RK&KS)- A 20-year-old girl student, who was pursuing her third year Computer Science Engineering course at a city college, was found dead at the room of her house in Bogadi this morning.

The deceased is Varshika, daughter of Dr. Mahesh. It is learnt that Varshika, who had an exam today, was studying till late night yesterday and slept after having her dinner.

This morning, when her father went to her room to wake her up, he found her dead with froth in her mouth and nose.

Saraswathipuram Inspector Thimmaraju and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem to ascertain the cause of the death.

Last rites will be held at Pampinahosahalli near Palahalli in Srirangapatna taluk later in the day.

Man missing since 2017

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (KS)- A 47-year-old man, who left Chandramouleshwara Guest House at Jayalakshmipuram on May 5, 2017, telling his wife that he was going in search of work, has since gone missing.

The missing man is J.S. Subramanya Bhat. He is 5.8 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, round faced, normal built, has mark of an old wound on his left hand, speaks Kannada and English and was wearing a blue shirt and grey pant at the time of going missing. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Jayalakshmipuram Police on Ph: 0821-2418316/ 516 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Prof. K.S. Jagadish Chandra

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Prof. K.S. Jagadish Chandra (88), retired Botany Professor at University of Mysore (UoM), passed away this morning at his residence in Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed this afternoon in Bengaluru, according to sources.

Prof. Jagadish Chandra was a Cytogeneticist and had specialised in Plant Cell Culture. He had introduced Biotechnology subject during 1990 for M.Sc Botany programme and had completed many research projects from UGC, Central Silk Board etc. He had also guided many students for Ph.D degrees.

Driving School owners stage protest

Express inconvenience at Automated Driving Test Track

Stating the inconvenience caused at the Automated Driving Test Track located at RTO (East) in Rajivnagar, Driving School owners, under the banner of Motor Driving School Owners Association (RTO-West), staged a protest near RTO (East) on JLB Road in city this morning. Picture shows Association President S.N. Veena and others submitting a memorandum to In-charge Regional Transport Officer (West) L. Deepak, urging him to conduct driving tests which was earlier being done at RTO (East) till it gets a new driving test track.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka tells about good bedding to keep newborn pup warm

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

What is a good bedding for newborn puppies?

Bedding for a litter of puppies serves many purposes. It should provide comfort for mom and babies. It must absorb urine and other body fluids to keep everyone dry, and the bedding should provide some level of body-heat retention.

Many breeders use shredded newspaper to line whelping boxes, but others prefer towels and blankets, wood shavings, or even sand. Shredded newspaper provides cover, but it doesn't limit the puppies' mobility. But the ink can rub off on the puppies. Used towels, blankets and sheets are warm and comfortable for the dogs, but a trapped puppy could be injured or suffocate. The cloth items require laundering. Many use puppy pads that are available at pet supply stores, but these are expensive.

When the puppies near 4 weeks of age, they will start to get up on their legs and attempt to walk. During this period, the puppies will need secure footing to help the balance. Rubber padding under paper, or cloth bedding, helps the pups progress. Some people line the potty area with a different material than the sleeping area of the box. Sand or even flat-laid newspaper are good choices. Healthy dogs won't sleep in a soiled area, and many puppies learn quickly where to pee and poo. Regardless of what kind of bedding you choose, be prepared to change it several times each day.

A dog on the street is about to give birth. How can I help her?

The best thing would be to bring her into your house or verandah, or even terrace, so that she is in a safe space. Look for an area to place the bedding that is as warm as possible. Or find a corner on your porch, under the stairs or anywhere else with a roof. This will help control the amount of rain and wind the shelter receives. Wind, rain and cold weather in general can make outdoor sleeping very dangerous for a newborn puppy, even if mom is around. One way to keep the temperature up is to provide protection against the elements. A thick plastic container — large enough to accommodate mom and pups — with lid could easily become an impromptu shelter, as long as there is a large opening on the side to serve as a door and to allow for ventilation. Otherwise, you can also use a thick cardboard or wood box. Cut an opening hole on the side so mom doesn't have to jump over to get in and add blankets or towels to increase the warmth.

Regardless of whether the pup is an orphan or whether mom is around, some added heating might be the answer to keeping the newborn warm. Because newborn puppies can't move too far, they end up going to the bathroom where they sleep. This means the towels or blankets will get wet. Wet material won't retain warmth very well, so you need to replace the bedding material at least once daily. If rain gets in, immediately wrap the newborn pup with a dry towel until he dries up — and in the meantime dry and replace everything inside the sleeping area.

Why can I see tears in a dog's eyes. Do they actually cry or are they sad?

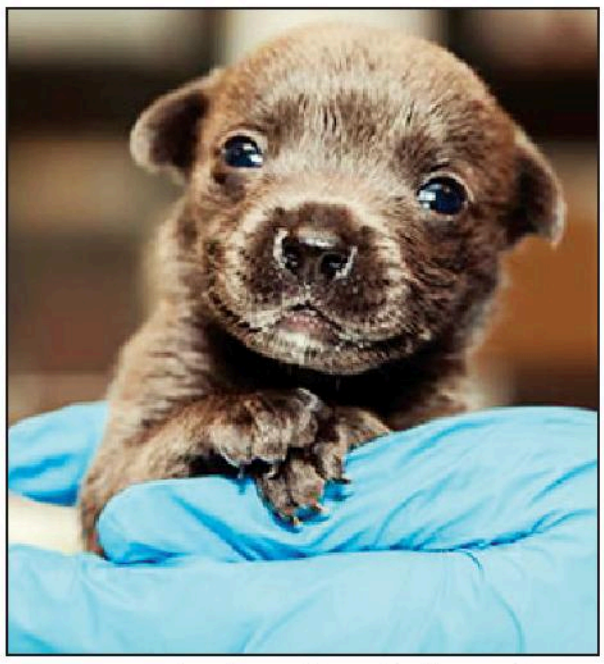
Unlike humans, dogs don't cry when they are sad. But like humans, dogs have tear ducts to help keep their eyes functioning properly. However, a dog's tear ducts drain the liquid back towards the throat and nose area instead of spilling out.

How can I remove the smell of my dog from my home?

Sprinkle baking soda, a natural odour eliminator, on your furniture or carpet and allow it to sit overnight, and then clean it up by vacuuming it the next day. Some people say that they spray areas, where dogs lie, with vodka.

What smell do dogs hate to pee on?

The combination of vinegar and oranges is very off putting to your dog and will deter him from marking wherever you spray the mixture. If your dog likes to chew on your furniture, you can use the same spray to deter him from chewing on it.



Should I rub my dog's nose in his urine so that he learns not to urinate where he shouldn't?

No, you should never rub your dog's nose in his pee to punish him for urinating in the wrong place. It is not instinctive for dogs to relieve themselves outside; it is only natural for them to not go where they sleep. It might cause your dog to perceive you as being not only menacing, but also erratic. This action, sometimes, scares dogs so much that they resort to "running away" any time they feel the urge to eliminate. If your dog thinks that it's scary to urinate or pass bowel movements in the middle of the living room, he might make a beeline for your bedroom, instead. Rubbing a canine's nose into his waste an hour later isn't a helpful act, either. If your pup had an accident and doesn't even remember doing it anymore, putting his nose on the stuff will probably just serve to confuse him. His brain won't associate the potty incident with what you're doing right now. If you ever notice your pet in the midst of the soiling, however, you can give him a firm, yet calm "no" and then, without a second of hesitation, bring him outdoors — a way of teaching him the right spot to potty. Never jump to conclusions about why your pet might be having potty woes, whether he's a tiny puppy or an adult who previously handled housebreaking just fine. A lot of different health conditions can bring upon these kinds of problems in canines — think urinary tract infections or inflammatory bowel disease, to begin with.

What are the signs of fever in dogs?

Although there are no definite signs, some symptoms that might indicate illness and fever in dogs include lethargy, shivering, loss of appetite, vomiting, coughing, nasal discharge, hot insides of ears. I always get alert when a dog misses a meal.

When does the menstruation cycle of a female dog start?

On average, puberty (or sexual maturity) is reached at about six months of age, but this can vary by breed. Smaller breeds tend to have their first oestrous cycle at an earlier age and sometimes as early as four months, while large and giant breeds may not come into heat for the first time until they reach eighteen months to two years of age.

How long does the menstrual cycle last?

Menstruations usually last between 2-4 weeks. It can be shorter or longer and the sign that the cycle is over is when all her vulva returns to its normal size, and there's no more bleeding or discharge.

What should dogs eat during menstruation?

Dogs should be kept on the same food regimen. Change of their diet can cause stomach issues.

What precautions should we take during the time of menstruation?

Avoid male dogs. The first thing you will notice, if you have a bitch in heat, is that she will attract un-castrated male dogs within a very large radius. Her behaviour will change too, so, while she normally wouldn't let males mount her, she almost definitely will while in heat. While your bitch is in heat it's inadvisable to leave her unsupervised outside, and you'll need to keep her on the lead at all times while on walks.

The second concern is bleeding. If your dog is producing enough blood to cause a mess you may want to restrict her to easy-to-clean, un-carpeted floors. Just leaving her outside is a bad idea.

A bitch in heat, especially during her first seasons, is anxious about everything she is experiencing. Her body is clearly morphing, along with her mood regularly swinging. During this difficult period, she may seek more love, or perhaps less. Adapt to her and offer her a lot more attention than you normally do. Cuddles are always a treat with female dogs in season.

Another way to calm a dog down is to make them sleep. The easiest way to get a dog to sleep more is to exercise them more than usual, or if you can't do more exercising, make sure it is more intense than what you normally do.

How to clean newborn puppies?

There are sequences of steps to clean a newborn baby, and bathe a newborn puppy, if really necessary.

STEP-1: Hold the puppy close to you for comfort and warmth. Work in a warm place with no drafts.

STEP-2: Use a soft washcloth, or use a cotton ball or gauze square for tiny puppies.

STEP-3: Wet the cloth in warm water, not hot or cold, do not use soap.

STEP-4: Start at the puppy's head and work toward their back end and tail. Gently wipe away dirt. Warm up the cloth often with warm water, do not allow it to get cold. Work as quickly as possible so the puppy does not have to stay damp longer than necessary.

STEP-5: Dry the puppy by gently wiping with soft dry cloth, blow dry on the lowest warm setting, carefully. Put the puppy back with mom to keep warm, or in a warm location. A warm water bottle, or other carefully regulated heat source, can be used if mom is not available.

What temperature is appropriate for newborn puppies?

During the first four days of life, the environmental temperature where the puppies are kept should be maintained at 85-90°F (29.5-32°C). The temperature may then be gradually decreased to approximately 80°F (26.7°C) by the seventh to tenth day, and to about 72°F (22.2°C) by the end of the fourth week.

How can I keep newborn puppies warm?

There are several ways to keep newborn puppies warm, like using a hot water bottle filled with warm water, or a heating pad set very low. Put a towel or blanket in between the heat source and the puppy to make sure the heating is gentle enough. Make sure that the heat source is not too hot for the puppy.

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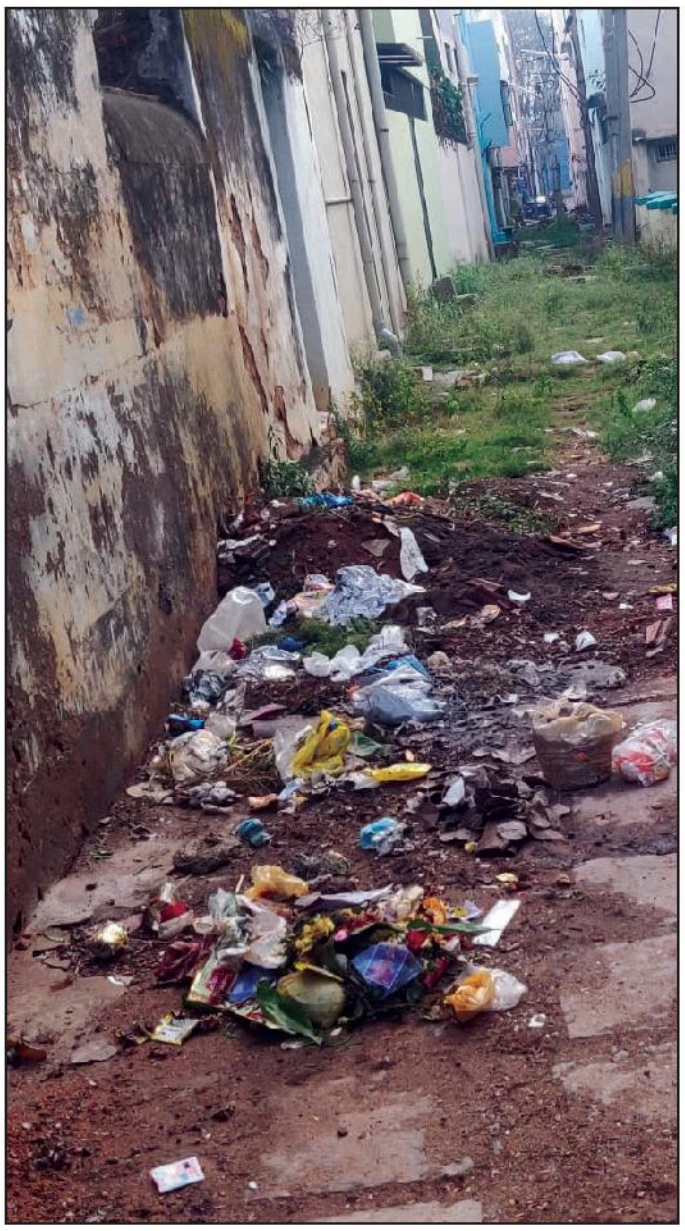
Plea to clear garbage at Vijayanagar 1st Stage

Waste such as empty boxes, PET bottles, plantain leaves, paper sheets etc., which were disposed on roadside after a function was held on the 6th Cross in Vijayanagar 1st Stage recently, is not cleared till today, allege the residents, who have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get it cleared before it gets scattered all around.

Clear garbage on Thyagaraja Road Conservancy Lane



Garbage dumped on the Conservancy Lane of Thyagaraja Road 4th Cross, behind the MCC Office, needs to be cleared. Residents alleged that the Conservancy Lane has become a garbage dumping yard since a very long time and though the Office of the civic authorities concerned is close-by, the officials seem to have failed to notice the same. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to get the place cleaned and also prevent people from dumping garbage in future.

Work on Kootupole Bridge on Karnataka-Kerala border resumes

Virajpet, Jan. 20 (OSR)- Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah recently inspected the work on a bridge across Kootupole near Makutta which provides connectivity between Karnataka and Kerala.

The bridge is at the Karnataka-Kerala border and is part of the Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP) road between Thalassery and Valavupara. The bridge work has resumed as Karnataka Wildlife Board has decided to give permission for the construction of the bridge.

The old bridge, built during the British era across Kootupole, has been providing inter-State connectivity at Makutta and it was narrow and in dilapidated condition. With the construction of Kannur International Airport, the density of vehicles on the old bridge had increased. To provide connectivity to the Airport, the Kerala Government had developed a 55-km road at an estimated cost of Rs. 360 crore till Kootupole.

However, the Karnataka Forest Department had stalled the work in 2017 considering that the land belonged to Brahmagiri Wildlife Division. Now, the work has resumed once again. Though the claim of Kerala was that the river is in its territory, the Karnataka authorities claimed that a portion of the bridge is in Brahmagiri Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka and also they claimed that half the river belongs to them, following which the work had to be stopped.

The project has already missed many deadlines. Though Kerala had given the documents to assert its right over the river and the officials held meetings at various levels, there were many objections on the part of Karnataka authorities. This road is a major link between Kerala and Karnataka and it would be beneficial for the residents in many parts of Karnataka, including Kodagu to come to Kannur Airport.

Realising the importance of the bridge, Bopaiah had brought the issue of the stalling of work to the notice of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who in turn had brought it to the notice of the Central Government.

The Central Government cleared the hurdles for the bridge and the work has commenced. The MLA said that the Central and State Governments have given conditional approval for the work on the bridge. The completion of the bridge will benefit passengers travelling to Mysuru and Hassan from Kodagu.

Siddharamaiah urges for commissioning of ethnographic survey of Kurubas

Mysuru, Jan. 20 (MK&DM)- Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah has urged the State Government to commission an ethnographic survey of Kuruba community, which has been demanding inclusion in Scheduled Tribe (ST) category.

He was speaking after releasing a booklet on ST reservation for Kuruba community brought out by Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha, at a programme jointly organised by the Sangha and Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruti Vedike, at his (Siddharamaiah) residence in Ramakrishnanagar here recently.

Urging RDPR Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, who is spearheading a movement seeking ST tag for Kurubas, to convince the Government to commission the survey, Siddharamaiah, who himself is a member of the community, said that the report of the survey must be tabled before the Assembly for approval, following which the State Government must formally submit its recommendation to the Union Government. He announced that he himself would lead the movement if the Centre then refuses to include Kurubas in the ST category. He further said that apart from Kurubas, all other tribal communities too must be included in ST list.

Maintaining that as Chief Minister in 2016, he had released Rs. 40 lakh to Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute at Mysuru for carrying out the survey, he said that the Institute had failed to come up with a report. Now, the present Government must commission an ethnographic survey and get the report, he said and added that the Government cannot make a recommendation to the Centre in the absence of such a survey report.

Reiterating his charge that the RSS was driving the campaign headed by Eshwarappa, he alleged that the BJP was making attempts to divide the Kuruba community for electoral gains. He also accused the RSS of trying to drive a wedge among AHINDA communities in the guise of supporting ST tag for Kuruba community.

MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, Karnataka Rajya Hindulida Vargagala Jagruta Vedike President K.S. Shivaramu, Karnataka Pradesha Kurubara Sangha Acting President B. Subramanya, Prof. Maheshchandra Guru and others were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Vulcanize

Pronunciation: VUL-kuh-nyze.
Meaning: To treat crude or synthetic rubber or similar plastic material with chemicals to give it useful properties (such as elasticity, strength, and stability).
Origin: Vulcanize might sound like something Spock from Star Trek might do, but the explanation behind this word has more to do with ancient mythology than it does with science fiction. Vulcanization in its simplest form consists of heating rubber with sulfur in order to improve the rubber's qualities. The Roman god Vulcan (whose Greek counterpart is Hephaestus) was the god of fire and of skills that used fire, such as metalworking. So when Charles Goodyear discovered that high heat would result in stronger rubber, he called the process "vulcanization" after the god of fire. Goodyear developed the idea in 1839 and acquired a patent for it in 1844.
Example: "The station was known for the service it provided vulcanizing tires. This type of repair involves external tire damage, such as sidewall cuts, chipped lugs, cracks in the shoulder, and bead damage." — Scott Mall, FreightWaves.com, 20 Nov. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Valenki

Warm Russian felt boots.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Visit the ladies' room

Meaning: Euphemism for going to the lavatory.
Origin: Euphemisms are used whenever we need to talk about subjects that may cause embarrassment, which may include death, sex, poverty, disease and others, but it is with reference to lavatories that linguistic taboos really come into their own. There has never been a polite word to describe 'the place for defecation and urination' and so for centuries we have invented words and phrases that refer to such a place without using those words. 'Lavatory' and 'toilet' are considered to be the grown up ways of so referring but even those are in fact euphemisms. A lavatorium is Latin for 'a place to wash clothes'. 'Toilet' originated in France, first as 'toile' then 'toilette', used to refer to washing and arranging one's hair, and came into English as the name for a piece of cloth used to cover clothes. 'Ladies' room' is one of the numerous euphemisms for lavatory: 'powder room', 'cloakroom', 'the smallest room in the house', 'facilities', 'WC', and so on. While it is true that 'ladies' room' is now a euphemism it wasn't originally coined as one. Public places such as theatres did provide private rooms for ladies to store their outdoor clothes and to titivate their appearance.

QUOTE BOX

Any woman who understands the problems of running a home will be nearer to understanding the problems of running a country. **— Margaret Thatcher**

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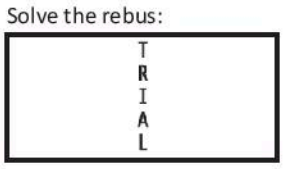
Solve the rebus:



Answer: Stand trial.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Inertial Sensor Assembly
4 That man from Denmark
8 Egotistical
12 Video game genre in short
13 Footnote abbr.
14 Spanish river
15 Memento or souvenir
17 Crowd sound
18 Sugar solution
19 "Dine" out on a girl's name
21 Crazy person
23 Tilts
27 Some promos
30 Fishing implement
32 Is aware
33 Plant the lawn
35 Lopsided
37 Oak for example
38 Jewel found in an oyster
40 Hither's partner
42 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
43 Spatter with water
45 Former Mideast org.
47 Farewell in Firenze
49 Nikolai Gogol hero "___ Bulba"
53 Squash or pulverize
56 Japanese dish
58 Study hard
59 Singing group
60 A variety of rummy for two places also called ___ rummy?
61 Spanish home
62 TV sports letters
63 Abstract being - "sen" anagram?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	A	S	P	■	F	L	A	P	■	P	U	N
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N	E	P	A	L	■	I	K	E	B	A	N	A
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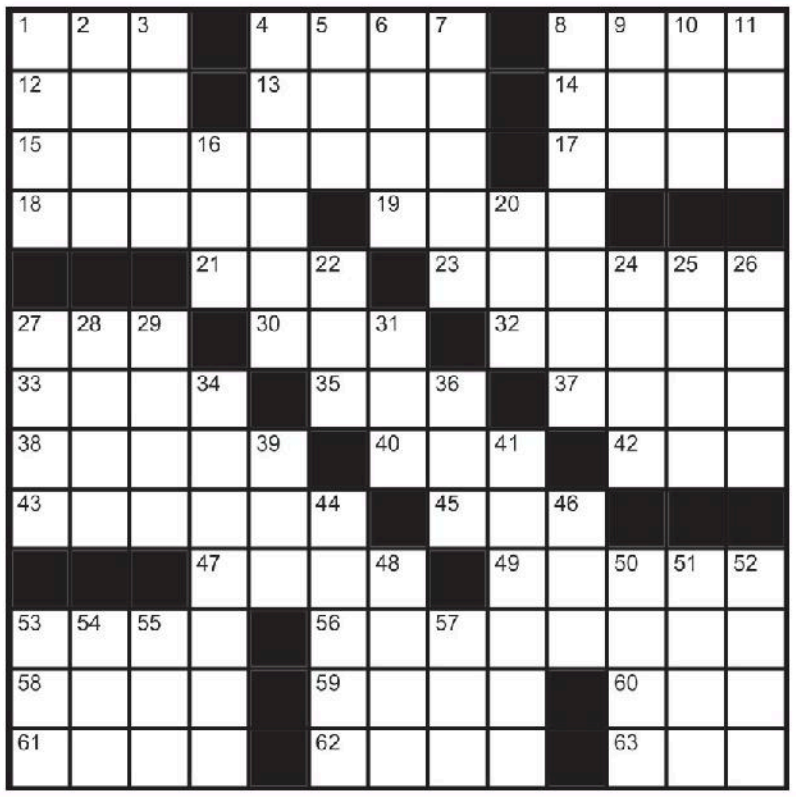
A	T	M	■	S	N	O	W	■	D	E	O	L

DOWN
1 Causes irritation
2 A river of Scotland
3 Ripening agent
4 Capital of Assam
5 Arab sleeveless garment
6 Goddess of victory
7 Blissful places
8 Green with vegetation
9 Three main blood groups
10 Irish Rep. Army
11 Neither partner
16 Play on words
20 Class or kind
22 Pull along behind
24 "Oran" anagram to get a girl's name?
25 Small and sweet
26 Nav. readings
27 Snakes - "pass" for a change?
28 Not shallow
29 Close up
31 Not containing any moisture or water
34 Former currency of Greece
36 The solver
39 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
41 Country and its people
44 Precipitousness
46 Beam of sunlight
48 Belonging to us
50 Fury
51 Related
52 Violates a law of God
53 Roman 1200
54 Old time classic movie Alam ___
55 Stockholm flier
57 Place to sleep in



SUDOKO

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1						7		
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		6						4
					8	4		9
				9				2
		8	2	5	7			

Answer to previous puzzle

2	8	3	7	5	9	1	3	4
5	7	9	1	4	3	2	8	6
4	1	3	2	6	8	9	5	7
6	5	1	8	7	2	3	4	9
8	4	7	6	3	5	5	1	2
9	3	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
1	9	8	3	2	4	6	7	5
7	6	4	5	9	1	8	2	3
3	2	5	6	8	7	4	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IZB GWM SZV XR RSXGGXMQ WQWXMRI IZB

RITBWG YMVSR IZB RITBMQIZ VA XI.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: One may walk over the highest mountain one step at a time.

Concert at Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Jan. 20- Ganabharathi has organised a Vocal Concert by Vidu. M.R. Sudha at Veene Seshanna Bhavan on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar on Jan. 22 at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan on violin, Vid. Sunil Subrahmanya on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

The Concert will also be available on both Ganabharathi Facebook page and YouTube channel. For details, contact Mob: 94480-51564, according to a press release.

Vidu. M.R. Sudha

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 20)

- **Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone:** Award function, KSCA Hon. President Roger Binny chief guest, KSCA Hon. Secretary Santosh Menon and Hon. Treasurer/ Official Spokesperson Vinay Mruthyunjaya guests of honour, Nithyotsava, near Ballal Circle, **5 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru:** World Peace Day as part of Vidyalaya Founder Adi Deva Prajapita Brahma's 52nd Avyakta Punya Smriti, Swami Sarvajayanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram and Divisional Railway Manager of South Western Railway-Mysuru Division Rahul Agarwal chief guests, BK Lakshmiji presides, Gyan Prakash Bhavan, 2nd Main Road, Yadavagiri, **6.30 pm.**

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Master (Ta)	(S-1)	8.15 am, 11.45 am, 3.10 pm, 6.35 pm 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.00 pm
	(S-3)	2.35 pm, 6.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Master (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	11.30 am, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Red (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Alludu Adhurs (Te)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Eeswaran (Ta)	(S-4)	1.40 pm

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	(S-2)	10 am, 2 pm 6, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	11 am
Master (K)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.15 pm
Red (Te)	(S-3)	3.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Alludu Adhurs (Te)	(S-4)	2.45 pm
Eeswaran (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Vikki (K)	(S-4)	11.45 am

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Red (Te)	(S-1)	5.15 pm, 8.15 pm
Master (Ta)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 2.30 pm
		6.00 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 4.30 pm
		8.00 pm
Saavu (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

State Junior Athletic Championship: Day-2

Mysureans achieve two New Meet Records

Mysuru, Jan. 20- The second day of the ongoing 36th State Junior Athletic Championship at Swarajya Maidan in Moodbidri of Dakshina Kannada district yesterday saw Mysuru athletes achieve two New Meet Records (NMR) apart from adding five gold, one silver and two bronze medals to the district's medal tally.

While Mysuru's Mohith Mohan created NMR in Discus Throw (U-20 Boys) with a throw of 48.06 mts, Maurya Ganapathy achieved the feat in Shot-Put (U-18 Boys) with a throw of 17.81mts.

Medal winners of Day-2 are as follows:

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Mohith Mohan
Discus Throw
(U-20 Boys)
Distance: 48.06 mts
[New Meet Record]

Maurya Ganapathy
Shot-Put
(U-18 Boys)
Distance: 17.81mts
[New Meet Record]

A.P. Pushya
600m Run
(U-14 Boys)
Timing:
1min 29.3sec

H.M. Satish
1500 mts Run
(U-20 Boys)
Timing:
4min 7.1 sec

Varun
1500m Run
(U-16 Boys)
Timing:
6min 22sec

SILVER WINNER

Bharath
1500m Run
(U-18 Boys)
Timing:
4min 16.17sec

BRONZE WINNERS

H.S. Harsitha
300mts Run
(U-16 Girls)
Timing: 44sec

Reya Kumarswamy
Shot-Put
(U-16 Girls)
Distance: 10.78mts

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Hyderabad, Odisha FC settle for 1-1 draw

Today's Match (Jan. 20)
KERALA BLASTERS
Vs
BENGALURU
GMC Stadium,
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Jan. 21)
ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Vs
CHENNAIYIN
Fatorda Stadium,
Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result
HYDERABAD - 1
Drew with
ODISHA - 1

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Liston Colaco (Hyderabad FC) jumps above Cole Alexander (Odisha FC) to win the ball during the Match 64 of Hero ISL 2020-21 at the Fatorda Stadium in Margao, Goa, last evening.

Margao, Jan. 20- The Match 64 of Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 witnessed Hyderabad FC and Odisha FC play out an entertaining 1-1 draw at the Fatorda Stadium yesterday.

Halicharan Narzary scored in the first half for Hyderabad and Cole Alexander netted the equaliser in the second.

AWARDS — Hero of the Match: Cole Alexander (Odisha FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Liston Colaco (Hyderabad FC).

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